

Highly Qualified Status and Science Teachers

NCLB does not distinguish between science courses. As a result, science teachers must be Highly Qualified (HQ) in the Core Academic Subject (CAS) area of science, and not in a particular science subject.

Science teachers who have passed the PRAXIS II or the National Teacher exam specialty test for any science subject that they are licensed to teach are HQ in science globally.

Note that teachers can only teach what their license certifies them to teach.

Consult the Assignment Code to determine whether your licensure is appropriate for your teaching assignment.

Licensed science teachers who have earned at least 24 undergraduate or graduate credit hours in science are HQ in science.

Licensed science teachers who have earned either a master's degree or Ph.D. in science are HQ in science.

Licensed science teachers who have earned National Board Certification in the science are HQ in science.